IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Satoru Maeda, et al.

Serial No. : 09/996,019

For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND

APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR CONTROLLING AND SIMPLIFYING A SIGN-UP OPERATION OF AN APPARATUS OVER A

NETWORK (AS AMENDED)

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 21, 2007, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 21, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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